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The Honorable Ben Nelson  
United States Senate  
720 Hart Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Nelson:

We are writing this letter on behalf of the Ag Builders of Nebraska. Our Organization appreciates your support of agriculture for Nebraska and we are writing to ask for your continued help.

We appreciate your previous work in support of agriculture. Specifically for your support of the ARS Building and leadership in appropriate funding in 2008 for planning and design which was sufficient to award a contract to develop the ARS Program of Requirements. Also, the appropriate funding in 2009 for a total of \$2.4M for planning and design. The appropriated \$3,750,000 for construction in 2010 was critical because it, combined with the previous planning funding, brought the project to 10% of total construction cost which is an important milestone in attaining a congressional commitment to obtain the rest of the construction funding.

No one knows more than you the importance of agriculture to Nebraska. Therefore, research and education in support of agriculture is important and vital in keeping our farmers and ranchers competitive and leaders in today's global market.

Members of Organization believe that these needs both serve the interests of the future of Nebraska agriculture as well as the national interest.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Jacobson  
President  
Agriculture Builders of Nebraska